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SUBJECT:MAGATTE LO CALL ON AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BOLEN

1. HEAD OF SENEGAL'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
MAGATTE LO, CALLED ON AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BOLEN SEPTEMBER 17 DURING BRIEF WASHINGTON STOP ON
RETURN FROM MEXICO CITY. AMBASSADOR COULBARY ACCOM-
PANIED LO. AF/W COUNTRY OFFICER ATTENDED.

2. AMBASSADOR BOLEN WELCOMED LO AND REVIEWED CURRENT
EXCELLENT STATE OF US-SENEGALESE RELATIONS.

3. LO, WHO HAD JUST ATTENDED AS PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S
REPRESENTATIVE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF CENTER FOR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE THIRD WORLD IN
MEXICO CITY, APPRECIATED WELCOME AND AGREED THAT
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
IS GROWING. HE NOTED SENEGAL SHARES U.S. RESPECT
FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND DEMOCRACY, AND FOR THIS
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REASON, BELIEVES U.S. AS WORLD POWER SHOULD TAKE

THE LEAD IN POLITICAL ACTION TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS OF THIRD WORLD PEOPLES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND FREEDOM.

4. LO WELCOMED USG DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN DAKAR FAIR, WHICH GOS HOPED WOULD PROMOTE WORTHWHILE COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS OVERALL BILATERAL TIES.

5. IN BILATERAL AREA, AMBASSADOR BOLEN ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF SENEGAL'S PLANS TO OPEN TOURISM OFFICE IN THE U.S. AND TO SEND COMMERCIAL AND TRADE MISSION TO U.S. EARLY NEXT YEAR. LO CONFIRMED GOS MOVING AHEAD ON THESE TWO PROJECTS, AND REFERRED TO GROWING INTEREST HE HAD PERCEIVED AMONG AMERICANS IN VISITING SENEGAL AS TOURISTS, AND SPECIFIC INTEREST IN GOS IN PROMOTING INCREASED TRADE WITH U.S.

6. BOLEN REVIEWED PROSPECTIVE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ROLES OF US AND SENEGAL THEREIN AND URGED THAT ON BILATERAL FRONT BOTH COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO WORK FOR EXPANDED TRADE, ELIMINATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES BY SENEGAL AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF TOURISM.

7. LO INDICATED HE WOULD INFORM PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF HIS WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS, AND NOTED THAT SENEGAL VALUES ITS ASSOCIATION WITH AMBASSADOR AGGREY, WHO HAS MAINTAINED AN EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOS AND ITS LEADERSHIP.

8. FYI: LO ALSO HAD LUNCHEON AND KENNEDY CENTER TOUR HOSTED BY SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL (JERRY DREW). APPOINTMENTS TO CALL ON AID (AF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT), COMMERCE (INTERNATIONAL MARKETING DIRECTOR GARNITZ), AND PRIVATE TOUR OF WHITE HOUSE WERE CANCELLED BY LO BECAUSE OF ILLNESS. AMBASSADOR COULBARY HOSTED WELL-ATTENDED RECEPTION EVENING OF THE 17TH. END FYI.

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